GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, FRO, Srikakulam Range-II of SF Division Srikakulam - Findings received – Imposition of a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received – Final Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 56 Dated: 31-05-2016.
Read the following:

1. From the PCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Ref. No. 1810/2009/Vig-1, dt. 25.06.2015.
2. G.M. No. 3820/For.IV/A1/2015, dt. 7.1.2016.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Ref. No. 1810/2009/A&DC-1, dt. 22.03.2016.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 3820/For.IV/A1/2014, dt.16.04.2016
5. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 311/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 17.05.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, Forest Range Officer, Srikakulam Range-II of SF Division Srikakulam vide PCCF, Ref.No.46289/2005/PXA3(ii), dt: 03-02-2006, on the following count:

Article– 1:- *That the said* Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, Forest Range Officer, SF, Srikakulam Range-II has shown gross neglect of duty and allowed himself as well as his Forest Section Officer in committing irregularities and deviating the instructions of PCCF AP, Hyderabad issued in D.O.Lr.19908/2002/U1, dt:27.02.2004, communicated in Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Srikakulam, Endt:395/03/D, dt:19.03.2004 while raising 2005 Avenue Plantation as well as maintaining 2004 Avenue Plantation under NHAI Scheme"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged Article of Charge on 05.07.2006 and did not submit his explanation. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has appointed Conservator of Forests, P&E, VSP as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, SF, Srikakulam as presenting officer vide reference No.46298/2005/PXA3, dt:09.06.2006 cited for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide CF, P&E VSP Rc.No.288/2006/D, dt.11.8.2008(Findings) in which he held the charge levelled against the Charged Officer have been proved beyond doubt stating that :-

> The charged officer has unequivocally admitted in his defense statement that the omissions as pointed out during the field inspection of the higher authorities have been rectified. The enquiry revealed that he failed to plan, and guide in execution of works and allowed himself and his Section officer in committing number of irregularities and diverted from the instructions of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests D.O.Lr.No. 19908/2002/U1 dt.27.2.2004 which was communicated to him by Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam inspite of demonstration held at Kakinada.

4. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Ref.No.1810/2009/K1(iii), dt.19.02.2009(FN). The Charged Officer acknowledged same on 29.03.2009 but he has not submitted his further defence statement till date.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2011. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved beyond doubt and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years on the Charged Officer Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, FRO (Retd.) formerly worked in SF, Srikakulam Range-II, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF vide reference 3rd read above has informed that, the Addl. PCCF/CF, Visakhapatnam has submitted the further defence statement of the Charged Officer to the Show cause Notice. He has also informed that, there are no fresh/valid grounds in the further defence of the Charged officer.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, FRO(Retd.) formerly Srikakulam Range-II of SF Division, Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.311/DC&C/2/2016, dt.17.05.2016).
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SECTION OFFICER